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## **Vernon Parish Fire Claims the life of a Man and Injures His Wife**

**Marlow, LA-** An early morning fire claims the life of one man and injures his wife as she escapes the inferno. A working smoke alarm has been credited with saving one life.

The Vernon Parish Fire District #1 and Pitkin Volunteer Fire Department responded shortly after midnight this morning to a report that a residence was on fire at 121 Delton Bailey Road. When firefighters arrived they found the entire home in flames and discovered that a female had escaped the burning building, where she sustained minor burns. However her husband, Delton Bailey (dob. 6-17-1927) unfortunately was not able to get out in time and died in the fire. The home did have working smoke alarms, this contributed in waking up the female from her sleep and saving her life.

The State Fire Marshal's Office is jointly investigating this tragic fire loss in partnership with the Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office. The cause of the fire is under investigation and no determinations have been made at this point. State Fire Marshal H. "Butch" Browning stated, "We are sadden at the loss of life this morning as well as thankful that a working smoke alarm was able to wake one person, this averted a second death. We will be working throughout the weekend to determine the cause of this fire".

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